

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-12 and 22-24 are currently pending. Claims 1-12 and 22-24 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,005,812 (Mullarkey) in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,796,285 (Drouot) and U.S. Patent No. 6,249,473 (Lau).

Please amend Claims 1 and 23 as set forth herein. No new matter has been added.

Regarding the rejection of independent Claims 1 and 23 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a), the Examiner states that the combination of Mullarkey in view of Drouot and Lau teaches each and every limitation of the claims.

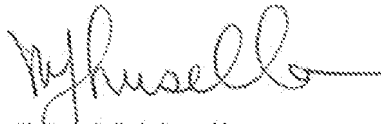
Claim 1 and 23 have been amended to recite, in part, “an AND gate receiving said power control signal and clock control signal and outputting a control signal; a first transistor connected to the AND gate and controlled by said control signal; a second transistor and a third transistor connected in series, the series connected at one end to a voltage source and to the other end to the first transistor for generating a reference voltage”, which is neither taught or disclosed by the cited references.

Accordingly, for at least the above-stated reasons, it is respectfully requested that the rejection of Claims 1 and 23 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) be withdrawn.

Independent Claims 1 and 23 are believed to be in condition for allowance. Without conceding the patentability per se of dependent Claims 2-12, 22, and 24, these are likewise believed to be allowable by virtue of their dependence on their respective amended independent claims. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of dependent Claims -12, 22, and 24 is respectfully requested.

Accordingly, all of the claims pending in the Application, namely, Claims 1-12 and 22-24, are believed to be in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference or personal interview would facilitate resolution of any remaining matters, the Examiner may contact Applicants' attorney at the number given below.

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